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at a glance

1974



Values are shown in terms of Australian dollars (\$)

1962-63 1970-71 1971-72 1972-73

Population

Total population, June	'000	10,950	12,756	12,959	13,132
Population under age 20	%	38.5	37.6	37.5	37.2
Births	'000	235	271	272	256
Natural increase (births—deaths)	"	141	158	162	145
Overseas movement: excess of arrivals over departures	"	70	101	42	28
Permanent and long-term arrivals	"	137	245	212	192
Short-term visitors arriving	"	120	429	420	445
School pupils, August	"	2,252	2,768	2,808	2,841
University students, April	"	63	124	129	133

Domestic product and national expenditure

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$m	16,071	32,656	36,202	40,983
Personal consumption expenditure	"	10,372	19,540	21,579	24,052
Food and drink	"	3,018	5,125	5,517	6,078
Household durables	"	810	1,429	1,569	1,783
Travel and communication	"	1,456	2,920	3,247	3,613
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	4,023	8,731	9,395	9,653
Private	"	2,580	5,822	6,128	6,189
Public authorities	"	1,443	2,909	3,267	3,464
Gross farm product	"	1,802	2,002	2,226	3,084
GDP at 1966-67 prices	"	18,194	27,928	28,944	30,058
GDP per head (at current prices)	\$	1,482	2,580	2,807	3,133

Household income (aggregate)

Total	\$m	12,797	25,886	29,116	33,261
Wages, salaries and supplements	"	8,161	18,056	20,241	22,518
Unincorporated enterprises income	"	2,305	3,065	3,464	4,466
Cash benefits from general govt	"	944	1,810	2,113	2,623
Household disposable income	"	11,320	22,003	24,438	28,190

Government finance

Current receipts (all governments)	\$m	4,040	9,542	10,855	11,800
Australian Government taxes	"	2,908	7,186	7,943	8,477
Income tax, persons	"	1,083	3,175	3,765	4,084
companies	"	535	1,428	1,519	1,617
Customs and excise duties	"	759	1,519	1,682	1,782
Sales tax	"	313	633	681	765
State and local government taxes	"	658	1,420	1,867	2,275
Total outlay, current and capital (all governments)	"	4,815	10,522	11,898	13,340
Final consumption expenditure	"	1,652	4,235	4,802	5,524
Education	"	368	1,061	1,267	1,518
Defence	"	412	1,074	1,109	1,178
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	1,432	2,859	3,217	3,407
Economic services	"	1,068	2,043	2,300	2,359
Housing and community amenities	"	111	277	309	354
Education	"	112	254	298	350

Primary production (excluding mining)		1962-63	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73
Net value of production	\$m	2,383	2,808	3,152	4,034
Crops	"	830	1,070	1,158	1,166
Pastoral	"	1,057	1,001	1,210	2,074
Dairying	"	307	438	466	464
Output					
Wheat	'000 tonnes	8,353	7,890	8,510	6,434
Wool	m kg	759	886	875	737
Meat	'000 tonnes	1,648	2,054	2,319	2,388

Mining production(a)

Value added(b)	\$m	291	1,289	1,434	1,601
Output					
Metallic content of minerals					
Copper	'000 tonnes	109	173	172	194
Lead	"	376	416	421	386
Zinc	"	343	444	498	494
Iron	"	3,169	36,107	39,254	47,394
Bauxite	"	30	11,043	13,697	15,327
Black coal	"	24,862	49,720	53,548	59,693
Crude oil	'000 cu m	..	14,937	19,038	20,668
Natural gas	mil cu m	2	1,962	2,628	3,713

Manufacturing

Value added(b)	\$m	4,795	n.a.	9,703	10,750
Metal products, transport equipment, machinery, etc.	"	1,955	n.a.	4,052	n.a.
Food, beverages, tobacco	"	637	n.a.	1,684	n.a.
Textiles, clothing, footwear	"	400	n.a.	855	n.a.
Paper and products, printing	"	351	n.a.	818	n.a.
Chemicals, petroleum products	"	411	n.a.	804	n.a.
Output					
Ingot steel	'000 tonnes	4,334	6,693	6,480	7,235
Cement	"	2,992	4,685	4,884	5,037
Beer	m litres	1,164	1,618	1,665	1,745
Tobacco and cigarettes	m kg	25.3	30.3	32.4	29.7
Cars and station wagons	'000	220	374	392	370
Electricity output	m kWh	29,214	57,974	59,501	64,802

Building

Houses (number completed)	'000	75.8	95.4	103.0	107.3
Flats (number completed)	"	12.0	46.0	39.8	41.8
Value of houses and flats completed	\$m	610	1,466	1,609	1,822
Value of other new buildings completed	"	536	1,225	1,382	1,468

(a) Mining figures for 1962-63 relate to the calendar year 1962.

(b) Turnover, plus increase (or less decrease) in the value of stocks, less purchases, transfers in and selected expenses. Figures for 1962-63 relate to net value of production and are not comparable with figures for later years.

1962-63 1970-71 1971-72 1972-73

Transport

Motor vehicles on register, June	'000	3,286	5,039	5,325	5,634
Cars and station wagons, June	"	2,377	3,935	4,147	4,376
Cars and sta. on wagons per 1,000 persons, June	no.	217	308	320	333
New motor vehicles registered	'000	350	541	553	600
Civil aviation (passenger km)					
Regular internal services	mil	1,965	4,974	5,277	5,843
Overseas services (Australian airlines)	"	1,633	4,447	4,892	6,775

Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	\$m	5,515	9,290	10,367	11,436
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Labour force

Civilian labour force, May—total	'000	n.a.	5,525	5,573	5,701
—males	"	n.a.	3,728	3,778	3,814
—females	"	n.a.	1,797	1,795	1,887
Employed persons (incl. employers and self-employed), May—males	"	n.a.	3,684	3,717	3,763
—females	"	n.a.	1,758	1,746	1,838
Proportion of total labour force, May					
Manufacturing	%	n.a.	26.4	26.0	23.9
Primary production (excl. mining)	"	n.a.	7.9	7.9	7.2
Construction	"	n.a.	8.6	8.8	8.8
Unemployed persons, May—total	'000	n.a.	83	110	100
Registered job vacancies, June	"	"	21	32	55
Trade union membership, December	"	1,951	2,315	2,337	2,524
Industrial disputes, working days lost	"	557	2,574	2,500	2,573

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Wage rates index (base 1954 = 100)					
adult males, 30 June		135	207	229	262
Earnings (per employed male unit)	\$	48.90	84.5	93.0	101.50
Hours (including overtime), adult males, October		42.1	43.5	43.2	42.9

Prices

Consumer price index					
(6 capital cities) 1966-67 = 100		90	115	122	130
Export price index, 1959-60 = 100		101	101	104	134
Wool price index, 1966-67 = 100		101	64	71	183

Balance of payments

Balance on current account	\$m	-470	-873	-423	647
Trade balance (B.O.P. basis)	"	56	426	935	2,187
Balance on invisibles	"	-527	-1,298	-1,358	-1,540
Capital account: net apparent capital inflow	"	620	1,470	1,866	335
Overseas investment in Australian companies	"	467	1,611	1,499	415
Australian investment overseas	"	7	95	138	91
Net monetary movements	"	150	598	1,442	981

Overseas trade

Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m	2,152	4,376	4,896	6,214
Total imports, f.o.b.	"	2,163	4,150	4,008	4,121
Percentage of total exports to Japan	%	16.1	27.1	27.8	31.1
U.K.	"	18.6	11.2	9.2	9.7
U.S.A.	"	12.4	11.9	12.6	12.2
Percentage of total imports from Japan	"	5.9	13.8	15.7	17.9
U.K.	"	30.5	21.4	20.9	18.6
U.S.A.	"	21.3	25.1	21.8	20.9

Major export commodities, f.o.b.

Wool (greasy)	\$m	671	493	525	1,064
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"	206	400	525	828
Wheat	"	217	433	419	273
Machinery and transport equipment	"	63	325	375	498
Iron ore and concentrates	"	..	374	375	439
Coal, coke and briquettes	"	23	206	240	295
Sugar	"	91	150	211	250

Major import commodities, f.o.b.

Machinery (non-electrical)	"	339	798	717	687
Road motor vehicles	"	199	366	341	339
Petroleum and petroleum products	"	230	189	193	175

Finance

Trading bank deposits, June balances	"	4,012	7,431	8,322	11,073
Savings bank deposits, June balances	"	3,940	7,635	8,391	10,238
Trading bank advances at June	"	2,365	5,317	5,876	7,856
Finance companies, balances outstanding, June	"	n.a.	4,054	4,833	5,663

Housing advances

Savings banks (loans approved to individuals)	"	n.a.	567	670	1,104
Permanent building societies (loans approved)	"	n.a.	429	689	1,180
Australian Government expenditure	"	..	..	..	..
Aust. Govt.—State housing finance	"	97	142	162	167
Defence Service Homes (capital)	"	75	61	65	74

Life insurance: sum insured on new policies

	"	1,871	7,031	8,388	9,547
Net capital raisings of company sector—shares	"	150	432	321	264
—debentures, secured loans	"	243	535	757	647

Rate on long-term Australian Govt. securities, June

% p.a.	4.57	7.00	6.00	7.00
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Notes

Important components of the principal aggregates are indicated by indentation. Generally, figures are for the period 1 July–30 June; where indicated, they are for a specific month within the period.

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In those cases where all components are shown, any discrepancies between sums of components and totals are due to rounding.

States of Australia (1972-73 figures)		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld
Area	'000 sq km	802	224	1,727
Population (June 1973)	000	4,703	3,587	1,915
Crops (area sown)	'000 hectares	4,329	1,934	1,960
Number of sheep	mil	52.0	24.1	13.3
Number of cattle	"	7.9	5.5	9.8
Output				
Wool (greasy basis)	m kg	226	173	71
Wheat	'000 tonnes	1,954	1,249	405
Beef and veal	"	416	416	384
Mutton and lamb	"	214	264	41
Whole milk	m litres	1,198	4,054	735
Copper (metallic content)	'000 tonnes	16	..	131
Lead (metallic content)	"	241	..	122
Zinc (metallic content)	"	304	..	117
Iron (metallic content)	"	..	..	..
Bauxite	"	10	4	7,772
Coal (brown in Victoria)	"	38,060	23,961	18,778
Value of production (net)				
Agriculture	\$m	1,191	878	737
Forestry (local value)	"	41	48	16
Value added				
Mining	"	324	317	322
Manufacturing	"	4,294	3,706	1,027
Household income per person	\$	2,673	2,622	2,368

Capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane
Population (June 1973)	'000	2,874	2,584	911
Average annual rainfall	mm	1,207	657	1,142
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.6	5.7	7.5
Temperature				
January, average maximum	°C	25.7	25.8	29.4
average minimum	"	18.3	13.9	20.5
July, average maximum	"	15.8	13.2	20.3
average minimum	"	7.8	5.7	9.4

Exchange Rate of \$A1—Average for January 1974 (selling rates)

U.K. 66 new pence	U.S.A. U.S. \$ 1.49	Japan 437 Yen	New Zealand N.Z. \$1.068
Germany (F.R.) 4.15 D.M.	Canada Can. \$1.46	France 7.38 Francs	Italy 949 Lire

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984	2,526	68	1,346	2	7,679
1,199	1,068	396	95	168	13,132
2,084	3,855	80	12	1	14,256
15.7	30.9	3.8	0.1	..	140.1
1.6	2.2	0.9	1.2	..	29.1
101	147	18	..	1	737
815	2,003	8	..	..	6,434
64	90	47	15	4	1,438
76	93	23	..	3	713
426	241	427	3	3	7,083
9	3	27	9	..	194
..	..	23	..	..	386
..	..	73	..	..	494
4,285	40,858	1,697	555	..	47,394
..	5,500	..	2,040	..	15,327
1,572	1,154	129	..	..	83,654
411	432	104	28	3	3,783
12	13	20	..	1	150
74	456	62	44	2	1,601
900	481	285	28	30	10,750
2,342	2,350	2,228	included in S.A.	included in N.S.W.	2,542

Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
868	739	158	43	185
529	883	632	1,536	630
6.9	7.8	5.8	8.5	7.2
29.6	29.4	21.4	32.2	27.5
16.4	17.6	11.5	25.0	12.8
14.9	17.2	11.4	30.4	11.0
7.2	8.9	4.5	19.6	-0.4

Characteristics of Private Dwellings—Census 30 June 1971

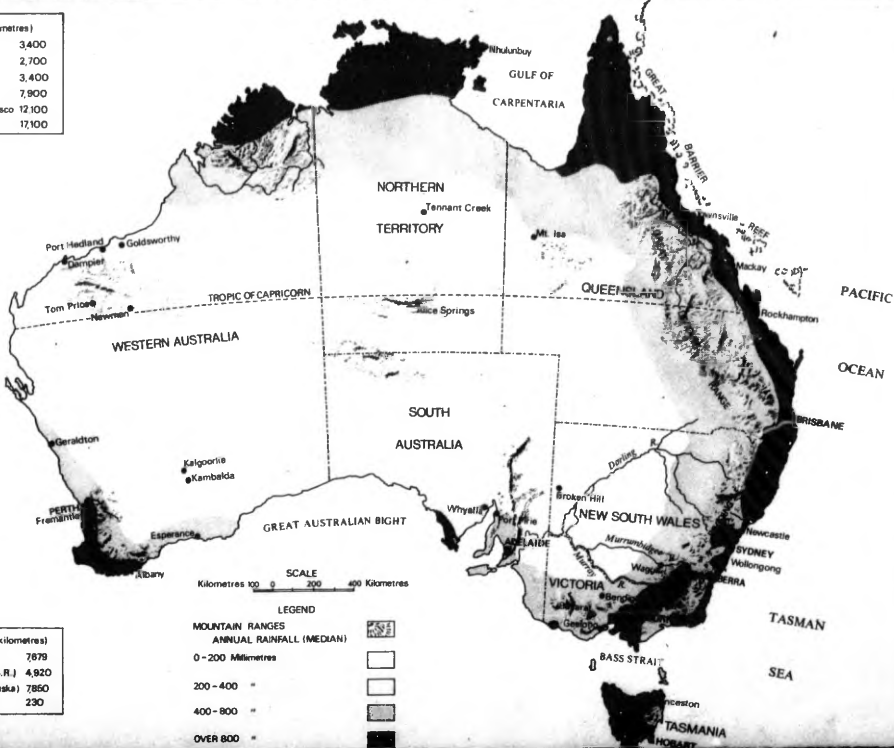
Total occupied dwellings	No.	3,670,553
Owner occupied dwellings	%	67.3
Persons per dwelling	No.	3.5
Dwellings with gas and/or electricity	%	98.6
Dwellings with television	%	77.8

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DISTANCES (kilometres)

Sydney-Perth	3,400
Adelaide-Darwin	2,700
Darwin-Singapore	3,400
Sydney-Tokyo	7,900
Sydney-San Francisco	12,100
Sydney-London	17,100

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SCALE
Kilometres 100 0 200 400 Kilometres

LEGEND

MOUNTAIN RANGES
ANNUAL RAINFALL (MEDIAN)

0-200 Millimetres

200-400 "

400-800 "

OVER 800 "



AREA ('000 sq kilometres)

Australia	7,679
Europe (excl. U.S.S.R.)	4,920
U.S.A. (excl. Alaska)	7,850
United Kingdom	230